

Application No.: 09/871,765
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REMARKS

Claims 1-31 and 45-51 have been indicated as being allowable, including Claims 8 and 9, which have been amended to overcome the Section 112 rejections.

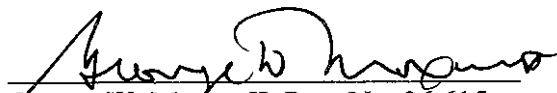
Claims 8 and 9 have been amended. In amending Claim 9, Applicants have added the potassium and ammonium analogs of the sodium dihydrogen phosphate and disodium hydrogen phosphate. As the attached pages from "Hawley's Condensed Chemical Dictionary" indicate, disodium phosphate is more properly described as sodium phosphate, monobasic or dibasic, but the language used is appropriate to describe the compositions that are included. If the Examiner's preference is to call these sodium phosphate, monobasic and dibasic, or potassium phosphasic monobasic and dibasic, or ammonium phosphate, monobasic or dibasic, please let the undersigned know and the appropriate language can be inserted.

Since the claims have been indicated allowable, Applicants request reconsideration of the Section 112 rejections and early allowance of Claims 1-31 and 45-51. Claims 32-44 and 52, which are directed to a non-elected invention are cancelled.

The additional claims 53-61 are directed to additional dependent features which are disclosed in the application and depend from the claims already allowed and should not raise additional issues for search or consideration.

Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss any of the foregoing in more detail, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call to finalize allowance of this application and its issuance as a patent.

Respectfully submitted,



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